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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

he number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan, especially in the backward and rural areas of the country as on date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

Sir, a total of 3397 telephone exchanges have been set up in the country by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the Tenth Five Year Plan, out of which 2436 have been opened in the backward and rural areas by BSNL. Telecom circle wise position during the Tenth Five Year Plan and as on date is given in the Annexure.